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This Digest is used to transmit information pertaining to the four program components of the Missouri Comprehensive Guidance Program: Curriculum; Individual Planning; Responsive Services; and System Support to professional school counselors, placement personnel, career and technical school counselors and administrators at all levels throughout the state.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. ATTENTION COUNSELOR MENTORING PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS!!!!

The Missouri Center for Career Education is conducting an online evaluation of the counselor mentoring program. If you are a participant (mentor or protégé) in this program, and have not yet received notice about the online evaluation process, please contact Nathan Wittmaier with MCCE at wittmaier@cmsu.edu or (660)543-8206. This evaluation is a part of the reporting requirements for the mentoring program, and the online tool will only be accessible for a pre-defined window. It is important that all participants take part in this evaluation.

B. MSCA DISTRICT MEETING SET!!!

The Mid-Missouri District of the Missouri School Counselor Association (MSCA) will hold their last meeting on Thursday, April 27th at 5:00 p.m. in Stamper Commons at Stephens College in Columbia, Mo. **Topic:** "Mean Girls" and Professional Recognition Awards. Please RSVP by April 18th to Jill Evans by e-mail at: jevans@columbia.k12.mo.us or by phone at: (573) 449-1784 and leave a message. More information is available at www.fulton.k12.mo.us/~Jennifer_Frankenberg/MarchNewsletter.pdf

C. NOMINATIONS SOUGHT!!! SORRY FOR THE SHORT NOTICE, BUT REPLIES ARE NEEDED BY FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2006

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education is seeking nominations of individuals to be honored as Missouri Pioneers in Education so they may be recognized for their distinguished and far-reaching careers in education and/or their unique contributions to public education at either the local or state level. If you have someone you would like considered for this honor, please reply via e-mail with some background information on your nominee along with your contact information to john.robbs@desse.mo.gov by Friday, April 14, 2006 and it will be forwarded to those within DESE responsible for selecting the honorees.

D. ATTENTION PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELORS, REGISTRATION ENDS SOON !!!!!!!

The Second Annual Central Missouri State University/DESE Counselor Institute will be held at Central Missouri State University's Central Summit Center in Lee's Summit, Missouri, on Friday, June 23 and Saturday, June 24 8:00-4:00. Topics for the Institute include: Brief Counseling in the School Setting; Legal and Ethical Issues; Introducing Career Clusters; Art Therapy; Introduction to EXCEL; Results Based Evaluation; New Guidance Curriculum; and Writing Effective Guidance Lessons. **Some sessions are all-day sessions and some have limited seating. Registration deadline is Monday, April 17, 2006.**

If you have questions about the Institute, contact Dr. Janelle Cowles, 1334 Lovinger Hall, Central Missouri State University Warrensburg, MO 64093 Phone: 660-543-4341 or by e-mail at cowles@cmsu1.cmsu.edu

PROGRAM COMPONENTS:

(From time to time, resources that are brought to our attention through ASCA listservs or other means that could be used as part of a guidance program will be listed here. The readers are encouraged to investigate the resources and decide whether or not they are appropriate for their programs. Listing of these resources does not constitute endorsement by either our section or DESE.)

{CURRICULUM}

Sorry, but there is nothing in this area this issue.

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{INDIVIDUAL PLANNING}

A. MAPPING YOUR FUTURE'S TOP 10 TIPS FOR SELECTING A SCHOOL:

10. Establish your goals and interests. URL: mapping-your-future.org/planning/skillsan.htm
9. If you know what career interests you the most, find out what kind of education and training you'll need to work in that field. URL: mapping-your-future.org/features/careership/
8. Take the standardized tests that may be required for admission. URL: mapping-your-future.org/selecting/standard.htm
7. Familiarize yourself with the different types of schools, and find out what characteristics to look for when selecting a school. mapping-your-future.org/selecting/schoolch.htm
6. Choose the characteristics that are important to you.
5. Gather information about schools, including costs, financial aid, and admissions requirements. URL: mapping-your-future.org/selecting/gatherin.htm
4. Make a short list of the schools that possess the characteristics you're looking for and that best meet your goals and needs.
3. Apply for admission to the four to six schools that top your list. URL: mapping-your-future.org/selecting/applying.htm
2. Visit the schools. Some schools offer an online campus tour if you are unable to visit in person.

AND THE NUMBER ONE TIP FOR SELECTING A SCHOOL:

1. Compare financial aid packages. Even though a school's tuition may be higher, they may offer you more financial aid.

B. SOCIETY OF WOMEN ENGINEERS (SWE) SURVEY REVEALS GAP BETWEEN AGENDA FOR FOSTERING ENGINEERING TALENT AND ABILITY TO DIVERSIFY THE FIELD.

The need for the United States to build a new generation of leaders proficient in science, technology, engineering, and math is at the top of the nation's agenda. While encouraging all young people to take more math and science classes and pursue careers in related fields is critical, this initiative has even greater significance among the nation's young women. Less than 10 percent of American engineers today are women. According to survey results recently released by the Society of Women Engineers (SWE), 75 percent of girls surveyed do not plan on pursuing a career in science, math, or technology -- and only 10 percent of those surveyed have considered engineering as a future career option. In order to change negative perceptions and to encourage young women across the country to get involved in engineering and technology, SWE has announced a new program: "Develop, Design, Discover ... Women Innovating with Technology."

And the timing couldn't be better. SWE's survey reveals that while 95 percent of girls said that careers in science fields are "cool," 66 percent of the same group claimed these careers are "not for them," citing that careers in entertainment (49 percent), fashion (46 percent), and cosmetics (48 percent) would be more interesting. It also underlines a major disconnect between girls' perceptions of engineering and those careers that actually need engineers to deliver new products: fashion, cosmetics, entertainment. Girls simply don't know that the very industries that they would be interested in pursuing as a future career require engineers and technologists in all facets of the business. The program kicks off with an inspiring and educational special event series called "Wow! That's Engineering?", a new website (www.developdesigndiscover.org), the survey on girl's attitudes toward engineering, and a nationwide contest to find out what young women will discover next. For more information about SWE, visit www.swe.org.

C. KUDER UPDATE

John Michael, the Missouri Account Representative for National Career Assessment Services, Inc (NCASI) which offers the Kuder Career Planning System to Missouri schools, has begun scheduling school district in-services trainings for this fall.

NCASI is in need of your help. National Career Assessment Services, Inc. is in the process of developing a new adult and college-age version of the Kuder Skills Assessment using the 16 federal clusters. Now in the final development stages, it is important that they evaluate and refine their assessment through beta testing.

The assessment is 240 items and should take less than 30 minutes to complete. Although the results will not be immediately sent to you, you can enter an e-mail address to have a report sent to you at a later time. The overall goal is to have 500 college students and adults throughout the United States participate in the beta testing. NCASI will then use the responses of this large group of people to evaluate the quality of its inventory. If you would like to help NCASI out before the school year ends, follow this link: <http://www.kuder.com/assessments/beta/ksa16ca/>.

John Michael, the Missouri Account Representative may be reached by phone at 515-240-6966 and by e-mail at michaelj@ncasi.com

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{RESPONSIVE SERVICES}

CONFERENCE OFFERED!!!!

ACT Missouri is a non-profit organization concerned with healthy and drug-free communities. It works with people who care about solving problems that challenge families and youth. It has announced that Burrell Behavioral Health in conjunction with Show-Me Kids, is presenting a one day conference titled Huffing, Sniffing, Bagging: The Invisible Threat, Inhalants at the Oasis Inn and Convention Center, Springfield, Missouri. To see the brochure about this conference, which includes registration information, go to <http://www.actmissouri.org/events.asp>

{SYSTEM SUPPORT}

A. COUNSELOR ADVOCACY SUGGESTIONS FOR APRIL -Provided by Missouri School Counselor Association (MSCA)-Joni Rost and Jennifer Frankenberg, Advocacy/Public Relations Co-Chairs:

- Send thank you notes to students, staff, administrator, or support personnel
- Prepare newsletter for parents and staff

“There ain’t much fun in medicine, but there’s a good deal of medicine in fun.” Quote by Josh Billings

CONFERENCES/ WORKSHOPS OF NOTE:

A. THE SECOND ANNUAL CENTRAL MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY/DESE COUNSELOR INSTITUTE WILL BE HELD AT LEE’S SUMMIT, MISSOURI, FRIDAY, JUNE 23 AND SATURDAY, JUNE 24 8:00-4:00

B. AMERICAN SCHOOL COUNSELOR ASSOCIATION (ASCA) ANNUAL CONVENTION, JUN 24-27 IN CHICAGO ILLINOIS. For information, go to <http://www.schoolcounselor.org/>

C. 12TH ANNUAL CHARACTER EDUCATION CONFERENCE-JULY 13-15, 2006, HYATT REGENCY UNION STATION HOTEL-ST. LOUIS For information, go to: <http://www.characterplus.org/main.asp?nID=425&NavID=2>

D. 20TH ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOLS THAT WORK (HSTW) SUMMER CONFERENCE, ORLANDO WORLD CENTER MARRIOTT IN ORLANDO, FLORIDA, JULY 12 - 15, 2006. For information, go to <http://www.sreb.org/programs/hstw/professionalDev/SummerConference/2006Conferenceindex.asp>

E. MISSOURI ASSOCIATION OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (MOACTE) SUMMER CONFERENCE, JULY 24-27, 2006 IN SPRINGFIELD For information, visit <http://www.mo-acte.org/>

F. MISSOURI SCHOOL COUNSELOR ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE - NOV. 5-7, 2006 - TAN-TAR-A - LAKE OF THE OZARKS. To see information as it becomes available, go to: <http://schoolweb.missouri.edu/msca/>

G. THE BUILDING BRIDGES CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD NOVEMBER 12-14, 2006, AT TAN-TAR-A RESORT. To see information as it becomes available, go to: <http://missouricareereducation.org/pd/conference06.html>